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attempt to advise him of what Gus Lieske was doing because Gus didn't know either. He admitted that before our committee. Now they talk about all of these things and were not going to determine anything except to say this, and I'm not talking about leasing. The Governor through the advise of others can lease equipment for more than \$50,000. I don't care and I don't think that if anybody in this room cares if it is IBM or not but there are others in the front office and DAS who do care and who want to break it up and there is a lot of said which I can not prove that somebody is going to get paid off. Because they are trying to purchase Minneapolis is Honeywell. I don't say that is a fact, I don't know but the rumors are consistent enough that it is significant and it is strange to me why the front office is so so.....that under no consideration that will they submit to this body for our acceptance only in so far as the funds are concerned how they spend the money. I don't care if it is IBM or not. I only know from my knowledge that in this but the knowledge generally that IBM is a standard of quality in the computer field in their size and the repetition would affect that. Now Mr. Lieske testified before the Legislative Council a short time ago that he didn't even realize and know or have the time to write the specification in order to bring about the change in the equipment. He testified as I recall that these companies that any company would not guarantee anything as to performance as to eventual cost as to rentals or anything else. He couldn't answer most of the questions. Now all this does is to simplify this thing and get these Democrats off his theoretical area of trying to serve the master and you will notice in this body that there are about 10 democrats. Whatever the Governor wants that is right, right or wrong. That is alright, I admire their loyalty to him. But I think that they ought to have some common sense that goes along with it. Obviously he can't be right all of the time anymore than I can or anyone else. All this amendment does is one thing. It says before they can enter into a contract in the area of these computers in this thing above \$50,000 he has to ask us for the appropriations to do it. That is all that it does. Now what is wrong with that. Every other department has to do the same thing. Of course I presume that if he did that he would make the application to this body to the budget committee. I presume through normal channels that they would report it either out or recommend it or not in which this body would take their collective judgment and the recommendations of the committee as to whether or not they wanted to do it or not. I think that the Governor protests too much. I think that he is involved in something over a period of time that he wished he hadn't been involved and I believe that time will force him or fortell that he ought to share the responsibility of us only. To give us the recommendation of others, which we are entitled too and how much money he wants in order to compensate this thing that we are now involved in. I think that if you want to adopt this amendment, and if you adopt this amendment which applies to the fiscal year 72-73 I would presume that you would want to adopt the other amendment in the following year because that is one of the things that was wrong with the other amendment. They had to be seperated so that they would apply to two specific years. Now if you don't want to adopt this I won't offer the other amendment. So I vote for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall the Carpenter amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. You are voting on the adoption of the Carpenter amendment to LB581 on Select File. Voting on the Carpenter amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.